

San Francisco Nov. 3rd 1872

Prof. Gray

Dear Sir,

Yours of Oct. 23rd I had
had I ought to have - all right - I do
not consider yourself obliged to answer every
kind letter - your time is too valuable & I am expressing
- Latterly I am sending a few common things
from here abouts chiefly for the Botanic Garden
- whenever we hit upon the best i.e. most success-
ful method I should like to know it.
While up the County I ought to have
traced the eye of some resident so as
to recognize the *Bolander Pink* discolored
and scattered as the frail fragments are
at this season of the year. Now I can do nothing
the expense is too great. - See no other way
than to wait another year. Has any one ever
grown it from the seed? A few have been
sent abroad. At my rate of using Gutta
Percha paper I think the supply will
always be so far below the demand, as to
make it practically a kind of luxury, only
for great occasions. - Sent recently some
live plants in tin cases these may keep in the
moisture well in cold weather. They will

not and well in hot weather. With dry
clay where the weight will and they are
only 2 best to bottles in 3 boxes.

Expect to morrow to visit the Id. of the
mounts of Mokelumne River in the midst
of the San Juan R. This place I visit
blind - It is being reclaimed - position
is topographically considered in its & curiosity
prompt - The water storms are just now
upon us - every go for any now! Got an
awful fall on San Brand Cliffs & Canon, - like
to have put out our eye some enough! pretty
badly bruised all round - Couldn't see through
the blood well enough to get you a few
good things - had to go 8 miles to walk home
when kept me limber so as to cool off
so quiet ~~rest~~ ^{rest} of the day I became stiff
- "dick" "himself again" as good as
new minus a pair of Spectacles.

here we do a tramp of a 1800 miles
on foot - got home from the wars
& step on a rolling stone of a slippery
morning and plunge headlong nearly
into the pit of galling Id.!

Will write you on my return from
the mud & mire of this isolated
Id. - scarce any thing green in this region
just now - except these late damp spots

Have you any Sp. of Cal. Chestnut
trees in your collection? I am just a few days
from under the shadows of the Castanea
chrysophylla - the most beautiful & magnificent
evergreens known! 137 to 200 feet high
clean shafts 60 to 80 feet as straight as
any in the east 4 to 6 feet in diameter.
I met also with our Thus aromatica
(is it still trilobata?) in Placerville it is Sac-
ramento City Country - lately near Ukiah, but in
often from Placerville, & regions round
I do to see. On Ten Mile River saw Sp.
of our Vaccinium ovalifolium - Red
Blueberry which bore larger smaller
berries but white as snow. rather singular
Sport! Bush apparently like its fellows
& these not one, but here & there for
miles, sometimes all of this character.

Vaccinium ovatum Black or Blue bloomy
Sorts Common - This bush here at Sacramento
just across the Bay North Buck Ferry is
13 feet high and 2 to 3 inches in diameter.

My Garrya elliptica the memorable
tree! 18 inches in diameter at the base with
cor. stem, 6 to 8 inches in diameter of its
wood. While on my recent trip that
woful woodman's axe spared not the
tree. The tree henceforth is Apocryphal
I could say a few days ago walk out with me & see.

but I am now as one tellth a pleasant
tale. I shall be thankful now if the
vandal's leave the Stamp unmolested

They are catching it - dismantling
their billboards to reclose a penny!
Meanwhile the floods are rushing
down & sweeping thousands & millions
worth of them ~~and~~ into the deep.

Even on the ^{very} Farm undermined Stable & House
last winter took more than ten acres
off to sea. O the folly of sinners!

Excuse this last acknowledgment

Yours Truly

J. N. Kellogg

Asa Frost Grey
Cambridge
Mass

27 I left just rec'ds me of the Loss by P. R.
Some thing sent by me must be missing for a day is
I severely patted without send send 3/4's three last
remittances I'm Ross filled in with bills
repeating or duplicating & triplicating the same
- this way our eggs are not all in our basket
- hope some may reach the destination in safety.

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